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SUBJECT: NEW BOOK BY CHOME CRITICAL OF MOBUTU

1. BELGIAN LAWYER JULES CHOME HAS PUBLISHED NEW BOOK, "MOBUTU, GUIDE SUPREME" (EDITIONS COMPLEXE). IN IT CHOME CONTINUES CRITICAL LINE HE TOOK IN EARLIER WORK, "L'ASCENSION DE MOBUTU," WHICH PROVOKED CRISIS IN BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS LAST YEAR. HE ACCUSES PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF HAVING AMASSED LARGE PERSONAL FORTUNE AND BECOMING "FIFTH RICHEST HEAD OF STATE IN THE WORLD" BY CONTROLLING CERTAIN EXPORT MONOPOLIES IN ZAIRE AND RESERVING FOR HIMSELF JURISDICTION OVER 17 PER CENT OF STATE BUDGET.

2. BOOK PORTRAYS ZAIRE AS COUNTRY RACKED BY ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. IT RIDICULES MOBUTU'S AUTHENTICITY CAMPAIGN AND CLAIMS IT IS INTENDED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM FACT THAT COUNTRY RULED BY OUTRAGEOUS TYRANNY WHILE HEAD OF STATE SPENDS CONSIDERABLE PART OF NATIONAL WEALTH ON INSANE PRESTIGE PROJECTS LIKE ALI/FOREMAN FIGHT OR ON HIMSELF FOR SUCH OUTLAYS AS REAL ESTATE IN PARIS, LAUSANNE, AND BRUSSELS.
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